

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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The Parish Council - St.Laurence Church - The School - Goatacre Sports & Social Club - The Chapel - Moviola
- Phoenix Group - Smile - Gardening Club - Pre-School & Toddlers - Bell Ringers - The Village Crafters -
Goatacre Cricket Club

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

**Bingo in the Community
Room 6:45pm 5th October**

**Harvest Supper in the
Church Hall 7:00pm 5th
October**

**Moviola in the Church Hall
at 7:00pm on 20th October**

**Astronomy at Goatacre
Village Hall on 20th October**

**Gardening Club in the
Church Hall 7:00pm 23rd
October**

**CAMEO in the Church Hall at
12pm on 24th October**

**Contact a Councillor,
read Parish Council
minutes**

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co.uk**

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website - send details to
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Parish Council Clerk
Jacquie Henly
Jays Cottage, Compton
Road, Hilmarton, Calne,
Wiltshire SN11 8SG
01249 760401**

Saturday 20th October

Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

Doors open 19:00pm, show starts at 19:30pm £6

The Hatton Garden Job



Advance tickets: Breda Cottage (34 Church Road, Hilmarton, 760312) or email
hilmartonmoviola@hotmail.co.uk

For more information call Geoff Procter on 01249 760312

(2017) 93 mins

Director: Ronnie Thompson

Writers: Ray Bogdanovich, Dean Lines

Cinematography: Arthur Mulhern

Production Design: Sarah Beaman, Jeff Schell

Music: Duncan Forbes, Lol Hammond

Two years ago four men broke into the underground vault of the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company and made off with diamonds and cash to the value of an estimated £14 million, possibly much more. It wasn't just the scale of the job. It was also the fact that three of the robbers, who were caught within a month, were pensioners. Only one of them got away, a mysterious figure known only as "Basil" who has never been located let alone charged. It's from his fictionalised point of view that the narrative unfolds with generous dollops of knowing voiceover. Played by Matthew Goode with his usual blue-eyed swagger, he emerges from three years in prison fired up by a desire to pull off the big one, and sets about assembling his accomplices, who after statutory reluctance sign up. "Mental?" crows one. "It's monumental." In charge is a wheezing old con with a weak bladder called Brian Reader (Larry Lamb). Terry Perkins (David Calder), Danny Jones (Phil Daniels) and sozzled driver Kenny Collins (Clive Russell) make up the party. They set about planning – we are spared the months of meticulous gruntwork it actually required – and in due course align on the Easter weekend to ill-get their gains. *The Arts Desk*



Traditional Harvest Supper

Hilmarton Church hall

Saturday October 6th

Doors open at 19:00 for 19:30

sit down

Please bring your own drinks

and glass

Free drink on arrival

£15 per person

12 and under £8

Raffle prizes to be won!

Call Priscilla Moxey on 07754308911

or Andrea Moxey on 07727162554 to

secure your tickets.



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Benches. During September students from the National Citizenship Scheme (NCS), spearheaded by Millie from the village undertook to raise funds for, and build four benches for the village. The members of the Chapel have kindly placed one in the Chapel garden for all to use. The Chapel gate is now left open for that purpose. The remaining benches, it is hoped will be placed around the village in due course providing the opportunity for all to take a bit of a rest when needed.

An extra seat kindly donated by Pat and David Rhodes was 'up cycled' by the students and placed in the Poynder Trust Houses replacing the old one. Our thanks to Millie and the team for their efforts on our behalf.

JAZZ SOUP

The First 'JAZZ SOUP' lunch held in Hilmarton Village Church Hall on Saturday 15th September was a great success, raising funds for the Church Hall and Hilmarton Moviola of £149.06.

Thanks to those who supported it and a very big thank you to all those who helped put this most enjoyable lunchtime together, a feast of wonderful home-made soup and well-known music.



Thanks go to, soup makers, bread makers, raffle prize suppliers, raffle ticket sellers, raffle ticket buyers, furniture movers, food and drink donators, food and drink purchasers, wine monitors, washer uppers and more, including our 'resident' DJ Mark D who played the music and our resident treasurer Mark R who did the maths.

There will be more events, to include, some with a classical music theme and others too with a more contemporary theme, maybe songs from the shows and even an evening 'bop' to music of the 50's 60's and 70's. Just let us know what you would like to hear.



Thank you, for and on behalf of The Hilmarton Church Hall Committee.

NEXT BINGO

FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER 2018



In the community Room poynder place, Hilmarton

6:45PM for eyes down at 7:00PM

All Welcome - all cash prizes - raffle
THE Snowball PRIZE IS £70.00 for 55 numbers
+ The full House - £80.00 WIN
 draw for the ten-score club will also take place

ALL WELCOME

THE SNOWBALL will remain at £70.00 throughout 2018.
 To play the monthly snowball we have introduced an annual bingo membership fee of £5.00 for the year.
 This can be paid at any time and has enabled us to keep the snowball at its maximum Every MONTH



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Are you interested in helping reduce the excessive speed of vehicles using the A3102 through our villages - if so please contact Mel Wilkins on 760572/07443 940367 or melwilkins@live.com for more information

CSW Volunteer Training



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 Private entries may be accepted for inclusion, subject to available space.
 Donations are suggested. The donation can go to your chosen Parish Group.
 Copy and donation please to Jacque Henly 760401, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 1st October at 10:15am

SOUP LUNCH

12 noon to 2pm
 Wednesday
 24th Oct

Hilmarton Church Hall

**Come
 And
 Meet
 Each
 Other**



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME



GOATFEST

Many thanks to all those who attended, volunteered and sponsored an enjoyable 4th Goatfest last weekend, it is much appreciated.

GCC 90th Anniversary dinner on Saturday October 27th, promises to be a very special occasion with a number of surprises during the evening.

Tickets are limited so book early through
**Eddie Jenkinson 07843 218126 or
 John Wilkins 07798 680724.**

**Hilmarton Gardening Club
 St Laurence Church Hall**



**Tuesday 23RD OCTOBER 2018
 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

**HOW TO BE A 21ST
 CENTURY
 GARDENER**

TIMOTHY WALKER

Enjoy wine for £1.50 per glass 125 cl.

Free refreshments and raffle (tickets £1)

Entrance fee: Members £3 Visitors £6*

**For more information please call:
 Gillian on 07954350589**

* Entry fee refunded if you join HGC

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS FOR THE AUGUST DRAW

- 1st No.8 Cilla Moxey - 2nd No.120 Cynthia Fry
 3rd No.200 Harvey Kew- 4th No.5 Hazel Moxey
 5th No.24 Cilla Moxey - 6th No.56 John Henly
 7th No.23 Sheron Wilkins - 8th No.27 Mair Morgan
 You too can have a chance to win every month - buy a number or numbers for £1 per month per number - £12 enters your number in 12 monthly draws.
 Contact Mel Wilkins on 760572, 07443940367
 email - melwilkins@live.com

**ASTRONOMY AT
 GOATACRE VILLAGE HALL**

Paul Hill's Astronomy talk at Goatacre Village Hall this year is on 20th October.
 Tickets are available from either the Club Bar or from Trish on 760 638



THE CHAPEL IN OCTOBER

Sunday 7th	Family Harvest Festival Service	4:00pm
Sunday 14th	Peter Cooke + Communion	6:00pm
Sunday 21st	Favourite Hymns with Rachel	6:00pm
Sunday 28th	Stephen & Jenny Colby	6:00pm
Tuesday 9th & 23rd	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 3rd	Worship in the Week with St Laurence	2:00pm
Wednesday 17th	Ladies Meeting with Jenny Colby	2:00pm
Wednesday 31st	Ladies Meeting with Teresa Michaux	2:00pm
Thursday 11th & 25th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 5th/12th/19th/26th	Prayer Meeting	2:15pm

Dear All,

I've included an item (*in the emailed version on page 6*) written by Padre Keith Barry, Garrison Chaplain at MOD Lyneham. It was his reflection at Hilmarton's Act of Remembrance at 8pm Sunday 2 September as part of the 100 years, 100days.

The October reflections on War and Peace for 100 years, 100 days are the Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum (in his role as Army Cadet Force Chaplain) at 6 p.m. on 7 October 2018 at Hilmarton; Richard Holness on 14 October at 6 p.m. at Broad Town (he's a lay worship leader and his father served in the Navy); 21 October 6 p.m. at Clyffe Pypard Rev'd Jonathan Beach (Chaplain at St Mary's Calne and previously chaplain at RAF Lyneham) and 28 October 5 p.m. at St Giles, Tockenham Richard Selby-Boothroyd Priest in Charge of Lyneham Parish and previously a member of the Territorial Army - can't remember his rank sorry). The 4 November will be 8 p.m. at Hilmarton and will be Colonel Ed Heal OBE - Commandant of the Defence School of Electronic and Mechanical Engineering.

Collections at the Remembrance services this year will be for SSAFA except at Hilmarton where they will be split between SSAFA and the Royal British Legion (their normal beneficiary of the Remembrance Collection. Thanks Rachma

The Reverend Rachma Abbott

Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, SWINDON, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY

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Contact Rev'd Abbott(01793 731134), our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter (01249 760312), or the Churchwarden John Henly (01249 760401)

News from the Bell Tower.

Half-muffled ringing to mark the 100th anniversary of people connected with Hilmarton Parish who died as a result of the First World War continues this month. Just one anniversary in September and we will aim to continue our pattern of ringing from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

11/10/18 Walter Rivers

Apologies that we missed a Sunday's ringing in September.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

My great-great-grandma, Mary Jane Moore, was born in New Zealand hamlet in 1883, son of Abraham Moore and Sarah Ann Church, who had married in Hilmarton in 1876. Abraham died in New Zealand in 1917, and Sarah in 1907. Would anyone in the local parish happen to have any pictures of them? I have pictures of Mary's children but none of him or his parents. If you can help please contact me at adamdrjmgregor1@gmail.com Thank you.

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Wednesday 3rd October	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel, followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 7th October	6:00pm Evening Prayer including act of Remembrance and Reflection for 100 years 100 days	9:00am Harvest Communion - Tockenham 10:30am Harvest Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am All-Age Service - Broad Town
Sunday 14th October	10:30am All-Age Service with Baptism	10:30am Family Communion - Tockenham 6:00pm Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance and Reflection for 100 years 100 days - Tockenham
Sunday 21st October	10:30am Harvest Communion	8:00am Said Communion - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Prayer & Act of Remembrance & Reflection for 100yrs, 100 days - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 28th October (Bible Sunday)		8:00am Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Communion - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance and Reflection for 100 years 100 days - Tockenham

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NOVEMBER EDITION BY 16th OCTOBER PLEASE To melwilkins@live.com - 760572
Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. 760401 - jacque88@btinternet.com or Geoff Procter Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 - geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk. ALL ENTRIES IN 'WORD' Format please.

Calne & Marlborough groups collaborate at the Calne Music & Arts Festival

Background

In May this year Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group hosted a Fairtrade Event at Calne Town Hall. Mr Baai Jabang, the Director of TARUD (Trust Agency for Rural Development) and the Marlborough Brandt Group's (MBG) partner NGO in Gunjur, in The Gambia, talked about the mango industry and its potential. He was appointed two years ago as Director of this NGO with which the Marlborough Brandt Group has worked since it was set up in 1997. He is responsible for their development programme in Gunjur and the Kombo South region of The Gambia.

The Marlborough Fairtrade Group with colleagues from Tesco and a new Charity "Thriving Through Venture" are exploring the potential for exporting mangoes from The Gambia to UK under Fairtrade conditions and where there are tens of thousands of trees 90% of whose fruit simply goes to waste.

The Thriving Through

Venture Programme

Dr Nick Maurice OBE founder of the Marlborough Brandt Group and Marlborough Fairtrade Group attended the Calne event with Baai Jabang and told us something about the **Thriving Through Venture** group of young people from Wiltshire schools, including St Mary's Calne, Marlborough College and St John's Academy, Marlborough, and the Ridgeway School, Wroughton, who, amongst other projects are doing research into the barriers to importing Mangoes and how they can be exported under Fairtrade conditions. The **young people** from Wiltshire travelled to The Gambia during August to continue with this work and have recently returned.

For the first six months of the programme, and while in The Gambia, the group split to addressing three different projects within the **Thriving Through Venture** programme. Some **researched the Mango business and marketing potential**, others **learnt photographic skills under a professional photographer**, and applied that to taking images of older people and people at their daily work in Wiltshire and in the Gambia, and others interviewed these elderly people and then documented their response to these interviews under the mentoring of a professional writer. See <http://ttventure.org/projects/>. Now that they are back they will be preparing their efforts for public presentation and publication.

Presenting the Project "A Gambian Experience" at the Calne Music & Arts Festival

Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group and Thriving Through Venture are collaborating to present "A Gambian Experience" from the projects' outcomes as part of the Calne Music and Arts Festival in October. There will be an Exhibition of Photography of "those lives lived" and an Audience event where the young people's responses to "those lives lived" are dramatically presented as readings by St Mary's School, together with live music from a group of authentic Gambian drummers. The venue will be Calne Baptist Church.

Furthermore, a group of students from **The John Bentley School** in Calne will be involved in pre-event activities, including working with St Mary's School in banner and poster design to promote the events, and working with the organisers to set-up the artistic and technical aspects of the venue.

Thriving Through Venture "A Gambian Experience" - The Programme

An Exhibition of Photography - Wednesday 10th- Sat 13th October

Images of the subjects of "Stories of Lives Lived" from Gunjur in The Gambia and the Marlborough area.

By Invitation Only: Wednesday 10th @6.30pm – Exhibition Launch with refreshments

Public Showings: Thurs 11th @11am-4pm, Friday 12th @11am-4pm & 6pm-8pm, Sat 13th @10.30am-12.30pm

There will be limited provision for primary or secondary schools to visit the exhibition with additional activities – please see the web site.

Stories of Lives Lived - Saturday 13th October at 7pm

An evening of dramatic readings presented by students of St Mary's School Calne, with music from a group of authentic Gambian drummers. Groups wishing to attend are strongly advised to reserve their seats on the website.

Venue: Calne Baptist Church, Castle Street Calne SN11 0DX

Full information at www.calnefairtrade.org.uk/age

COMBAT STRESS

One of the enduring tropes of the First World War is the emergence of the war poet using the rhythms and customs of poetry to describe the futility of trench warfare and the horrors experienced by those who served in it. Many of us will have read the works of Robert Graves, Wilfred Owen and their compatriots at school, but the tradition of war poetry is much more ancient than you might think, as is the literary evidence for what 100 years ago would have been called shellshock but what we now term combat stress and PTSD.

About 700 years before Christ the Greek writer Homer wrote his epic poem, the *Odyssey*. The *Odyssey* describes the journey of the Greek warrior Odysseus as he spends 10 years travelling back from the Trojan War. Along the way he meets and does battle with various superhuman entities, powers and obstacles that try to impede him, kill him or divert him from his journey home.

Modern commentators have suggested that there was actually no intention to depict Odysseus as making a physical ten-year journey. But that, instead, he had returned home along with the rest of the troops but once home endured 10 years of mental anguish as a result of what he had experienced in the Trojan War. In effect, what scholars are suggesting is that Odysseus spends 10 years physically at home suffering from combat stress before he can mentally arrive back to the peaceable home that he left and that all the obstacles that he has supposedly encountered along his voyage are actually all allegories of mental battles that he has had to overcome.

I suspect that combat stress of some sort has existed ever since man took up arms against man. The good news however is that it is starting to be taken seriously and, that as time goes on, more and better treatments are made available to those who suffer it. The time of people hiding behind the traditional stiff upper lip and not acknowledging the mental trauma that war and military operations bring with them is starting to melt away.

A few years ago the chief fundraiser for combat stress told a story at a dinner I was at. An elderly gentleman turned up at their Scottish rehabilitation clinic door seeking help. He had been Lancaster pilot during the Second World War. When the staff at Combat Stress asked what they could do for he told them that he needed help; it turned out that he had been in need of help ever since the Second World War but felt that he could not ask for it for various reasons. When asked what those reasons were, he said that it was simply not something the people of his generation talked about or acknowledged and so he had filled this life with all the normal things, a wife, family, work, whilst all the time he hid and tried to cope with the trauma that he held within himself.

He came to Combat Stress after his wife had died, but not because she had died – it was because he could no longer hide behind the excuse of looking after her rather than himself. In fact, as he said, his own children were now grown up and retired and no longer needed his support and so he did not even have that excuse. He felt that it was, at last, time for him to seek help so that he could face death himself after being healed of the pain that he had carried for so long.

He no longer had the excuse of distractions and familial duty to keep him from the treatment that he needed. It was, he also said, due to the fact that combat stress was now being talked about, recognised, no longer such a taboo subject and that proven treatments were helping sufferers to lead full lives again.

Mental health has, for a very long time, had a stigma about it that has made it vastly more difficult to treat because mental illness has been swept under the carpet for too long. It was a hidden malaise, something not comfortably acknowledged in society. Even in my family, I had a cousin who suffered mental health problems from childhood but I only knew about it from whispers and intimations. I think the family as a whole breathed a sigh of relief when a Dutchman swept her off to the Netherlands because it took the problem away to another country.

But the issues of mental health are all around us and always have been. In fact they even crop up in the Bible, but often in a way that is not readily discernible. For instance the story of Jonah in the belly of the whale is actually a story about mental health. The belly of the whale is a metaphor for depression. Those who suffer severe depression feel cut off from the world and trapped; for them the world is small and enclosed, it is dark, and they feel that they are being dragged ever further downwards, drowning as invisible tendrils of despair wrap themselves around their mind, just as Jonah describes seaweed wrapping itself around his head. Mental health needs are real and have always been with us, but they have a particular stigma that makes them hard to treat because no one has wanted to acknowledge them for such a long time.

And it was much worse in the army which is why so many soldiers in the First World War were shot for cowardice and desertion rather than acknowledged as having mental health illnesses. If you mislabel with dishonour and then shoot the problem, it goes away both physically and socially because no one wants to remember someone who was shot for cowardice.

That stigma is still with us, although it is getting better. But the only way that that stigma will be got rid of totally is if people are prepared to talk about their own problems as casually as they would about a broken leg. Invisible wounds are the last taboo. And I am going to break that taboo with you tonight.

Several years ago, I was working in a Brigade Headquarters when what I had been carrying with me since I had come back from Iraq four years earlier became unsupportable. I had got to the stage where even when I was walking around Tesco's in Tidworth and I sensed that there was someone behind me, I felt that I was going to be attacked. Finally, I found myself hiding around a corner in the brigade headquarters because the brigade commander was coming down the corridor and I was afraid of encountering him. Rationally, I knew that Brigade commanders are not in the habit of attacking their chaplains but I could not help what I was feeling. It was then that I knew that my perception of reality was completely haywire and I sought help from the medics. It turns out that having lived through 73 salvos of rocket attacks on our camp over six months and the deaths of several comrades, I had left part of my mind in Camp Abu Naji and had never stopped feeling under mortal threat. And that that worry had warped my sense of normality. After two courses of CBT, I am now out the other side and living a normal life.

There is excellent treatment available for those who suffer from mental health problems, whether military or civilian. We just need to allow people the permission to ask for help it by removing the stigma. And the way that we can all do that is by talking about it and normalizing it.

So, what do I ask of you? Simply to talk about it and pray about it with neither shame nor censure because we can expect help neither from medic nor God if we do not first acknowledge what our health problems may be.